

Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.

In Loving Memory of Trustee Dr. Donald Wolberg

It is with a very heavy heart; Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) informs the membership of Trustee Dr. Donald Wolberg's passing on July 20, 2023. Dr. Wolberg was the Secretary/Treasurer and District 3 Trustee for 11 years and was completing his fourth term on the SEC Board. "Don," as we all familiarly knew him at the co-op, tirelessly advocated for SEC members and always looked for ways SEC could better serve the membership. To the very end, Don was a true professional in every sense of the word. He was always very proud of all Team SEC's hard work for the membership to keep the lights "ON" and would brag to Trustees from other cooperatives about these accomplishments. Don will be missed by his children, grandchildren, and the Rural Electric Cooperative world.

Trustee Wolberg was certainly familiar with the SEC Members of District 3 and the City of Socorro. He and his family have been SEC members since 1978, his late wife, attorney Patsy Reinard, was the first woman to have a law practice in Socorro, and all eight of their children graduated from Socorro High School. Trustee Wolberg was a geologist, an avid dinosaur enthusiast, and was a staff scientist and Adjunct Faculty member at New Mexico Tech. He held the highest National Rural Electric Cooperative Association credentials and, over the past 35 years, had served on numerous local, regional, and national boards, commissions, and committees. He co-authored a standard reference book dealing with resource laws, regulations, and policies.

Trustee Wolberg knew the greatest strength of the SEC board is its proactive stance that emphasizes board training and proficiency as part of the service to SEC members. Trustee Wolberg loved the Rural Electric Cooperative model of board governance with a true understanding of SEC members' voices heard through the democratic process of electing board members who are comprised of SEC members. He represented SEC on the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association's board, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and the Middle Rio Grande Economic Development Association.

Trustee Wolberg had ventured 1,200 feet underground in an active coal mine, toured geothermal energy facilities, major wind energy farms, solar facilities, the Palo Verde nuclear generation station, and even went 2,200 feet underground at WIPP. He believed in a rational approach to our energy needs, protecting the environment, New Mexico jobs, and affordable and reliable energy. He continued to support maintaining rates as low as possible, embracing emerging technologies, and working with our community to advance needed infrastructure development such as broadband. Trustee Wolberg was a beloved SEC Board of Trustees member and will be missed by all. The Rural Electric Cooperative world lost a true advocate for Rural America.



Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Staff, Your Neighbor

Alyssa Cruz, Engineering Aid, came to SEC in November 2022 after 9 years of working for Tohono O'odham Utility Authority located in Sells, Arizona. Alyssa was born and raised in Casa Grande, Arizona and she received her Associates in Accounting in 2013.

Alyssa decided to set out on her own, away from home, as an adventure when she applied and was offered a job here at SEC. Alyssa is an asset to TEAM SEC because she has not only performs her engineering duties on a daily basis but has stepped up to help with the new broadband initiatives that the co-op is currently undertaking.

On her days off, Alyssa likes to travel and on most weekends she drives six hours one way to help her parents and family. She is as dedicated to her family as she is to SEC.

Alyssa enjoys the way that everyone at SEC works as a team and the ever changing daily tasks keep her on her toes. Her SEC coworkers really enjoy working with her. Alyssa looks forward to many years at SEC and we are proud to have Alyssa as part of our SEC family!



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Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call **575-835-0560, 800-351-7575 or 855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

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Join us at the upcoming County Fairs

Catron County August 24 - 26

Socorro County August 31 - September 2

Socorro County Fair Parade

Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m.



July 2023 Board Report, the board...

- *approved the bid for broadband engineering services with ACRS to proceed in Magdalena.*
- *received departmental reports from Staff.*
- *received recommendations from board committees.*
- *elected Judith Holcomb as new board Secretary/Treasurer.*

2022 Capital Credit Allocations

The allocations of the 2022 margins will be reflected on the July and August bills received by all active accounts.

This allocation represents the pro-rata share of the margins for each member who had service with SEC during 2022.

